

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and addresses the issues raised in the Official Action of June 21, 2005. It also takes into account the examiner's comments in the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2005 concerning claims 47 and 51. As previously presented, both of these claims refer to "covalently bound" following the comments in the Official Action of June 21, 2005. Apparently these comments were misunderstood and in the Advisory Action the examiner suggests such an amendment would raise questions of "new matter" being included in the claims. In this Amendment claims 47 and 51 simply state that the ferricyanide compound is bound to a polymer. This appears to follow the examiner's comments in the Advisory Action "from the polymer formula on page 6 of the specification one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the ferricyanide compound to be a coordination compound "bound" to polymer by van der Waals interaction between the N+ of the pyrrolidine of the polymer and one of the polar cyano ligands of the ferricyanide".

Counsel also notes that claims 44-50 are regarded to be allowable in the Advisory Action.

The remarks that follow are substantially the same as those presented in the non-entered After Final Amendment of November 21, 2005.

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 44 – 69 will be active in this application subsequent to the entry of this amendment. In the June 21, 2005 action the examiner has indicated claims 28 and 32-34 to be allowable; *see* item 26, page 15 of the Action. With this indication in mind the previous claims have been amended and, for convenience rearranged and set out as a new set of claims. The relationship between the previous claims and new claims is summarized as follows:

New Claim	Previous Claim	New Claim	Previous Claim
44	22 + 25 + 28	57	27
45	23	58	28
46	24	59	29
47	31	60	30
48	32	61	33
49	33	62	34

50	new	63	new
51	22 + 31	64	35
52	32	65	36
53	23	66	37
54	24	67	35
55	25	68	36
56	26	69	37

The claims have been revised so that new claim 44 relates to previous claim 22 in combination with claims 25 and 28, and new independent claim 51 relates to previous claim 22 in combination with claim 31. In addition, claims 47 and 51 have been revised to the previous wording that the ferricyanide compound is bound to the polymer. According to the examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, one having ordinary skill in the art would understand the term "bound" as it is used in previous claim 31 and new claims 47 and 51. New claims 50 and 63 have been added, specifying the solubility of the ferricyanide compound in pure water, based on the passage of the description at page 3, lines 27 to 30.

As will be apparent from the above, the revised claims are based on previous claims 28 and 31. The examiner has confirmed that claim 28 and claim 31 are allowable if placed in independent form; *see* paragraphs 17 and 26 of the Office Action of May 21, 2005. Claims 44-50 are also regarded to be allowable according to the Advisory Action of December 5, 2005.

Since the amendments have been adopted as suggested by the examiner, all of the examiner's prior art rejections have been resolved in the amended claims, and the present revised claim set is allowable.

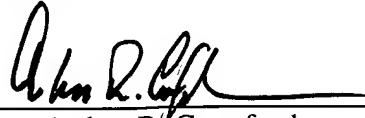
If for any reason this amendment does not place all claims in condition for allowance the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss.

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